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Did you attend school during at least a part of the last school year? [\[Enter y for yes or n for no.\]](#)

[INTERVIEWER NOTE: If the child responds yes, ask them how long they attended school during the prior school year. If they indicate two weeks or less, change the answer above to no.]

Did you quit school last year? \_\_\_\_\_ [\[Enter y for y or n for no.\]](#)



We are interested in learning about how this past year went for you.

First of all, did you enter a new school this past year? \_\_\_\_\_ [Enter n or y]

What kind of school were you in this past year? \_\_\_\_\_ [Enter e, m, j, h, or o]

Now, I will read some sentences, and I would like to know whether each sentence is true for you, or not true. Please answer all items on this five-point scale [show standard]. Let's try an example. If I say, "I watch television," would you say that this sentence is never true, seldom true, sometimes true, usually true, or always true?

1 = Never True    2 = Seldom True    3 = Sometimes True    4 = Usually True    5 = Always True

Okay Let's start. \_\_\_\_\_ [Enter 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and the cursor will automatically move to the next box]

1. This past school year was especially difficult for me. \_\_\_\_\_

2. I had an easy time handling the new academic demands made on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3. My school friends and I got along well this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Other kids tried to hit me or make fun of me this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

5. I stayed out of trouble with teachers and the disciplinarians at school. \_\_\_\_\_



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[Enter 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and the cursor will automatically move to the next box]

6. I had a good year at school. \_\_\_\_\_

7. School work was really hard this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

8. I had a hard time making friends at school this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Other kids tried to make me do things that I should not do (like drugs or breaking rules). \_\_\_\_\_

10. I got into some trouble this year by breaking school rules. \_\_\_\_\_

11. I liked the new things about school this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

12. I did not do as well as I should have in academics this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

13. I did not have many friends at my school this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Other kids bothered me this past year. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Teachers were on me because I broke some rules. \_\_\_\_\_

16. My school is a place where people treat me well. \_\_\_\_\_

17. Most teachers at my school do not care about kids, especially me. \_\_\_\_\_

18. My school is a place where kids will succeed. \_\_\_\_\_





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[Enter 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 and the cursor will automatically move to the next box]

19. Bad things happen to me at school. \_\_\_\_\_

20. School is fun. \_\_\_\_\_



1. When were you last enrolled in regular school  
 – What was the month and year?

MON YEAR

[Enter the Month (as two-digits) and Year (as four-digits). The cursor will automatically move from box to box.]

[Interviewer: regular school is one that offers an academic diploma or degree; training at a technical institute, license trade programs, etc.]

2. What is the MAIN reason you left at that time?

- 1 = Received degree, completed course work
- 2 = Expelled/suspended
- 3 = Got married
- 4 = Pregnant
- 5 = School was too dangerous
- 6 = poor grades
- 7 = Did not like school
- 8 = Offered job
- 9 = Entered military
- 10 = Financial difficulties, couldn't afford to go
- 11 = Child Care responsibilities
- 12 = Home responsibilities
- 13 = Moved away from school
- 14 = Didn't get along with other students
- 15 = My friends had dropped out of school
- 16 = Had a problem with drugs or alcohol
- 17 = Became the father/mother of a baby
- 18 = Had health problems
- 19 = Other

[Type the the number corresponding to the reason then press the Enter key.]

Other (Specify):


[Type the other reason then press the Enter key.]

3. Are you planning to go back to school next year?  [Enter y for yes or n for no.]

4. Are you in a program outside of regular school that will help you get a GED?

[Enter y for yes or n for no.]



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5. What is the name of the school? \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the name of the school then press the Enter key.]

6. What kind of school is it? \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the the number corresponding to the kind of school and the cursor will automatically advance.]

1 = Public school

2 = Technical or vocational high school

3 = Private school - religious affiliation

4 = Private school - no religious affiliation

5 = Alternative school

6 = Other

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the other kind of school then press the Enter key.]

7. What grade of school will you be in this coming school year? \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the grade of school then press the Enter key.]

8. Overall, what grades did you receive last year in school? \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the the number corresponding to the kind of grades and the cursor will automatically advance.]

8 = Mostly As

7 = About half As and half Bs

6 = Mostly Bs

5 = About half Bs and half Cs

4 = Mostly Cs

3 = About half Cs and half Ds

2 = Mostly Ds

1 = Mostly below Ds

9 = Other

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

[Type the other grades then press the Enter key.]



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9. Here is a list of some of the kinds of programs schools offer to help students prepare for the world of work. Have you ever participated in any of these programs through your school?

[Check all that apply. Use the left-button on the mouse to check a box.]

- A. Job shadowing, which is to spend time following workers at a work site
- B. Mentoring, which involves being matched with an individual in an occupation
- C. Cooperative education, which combines academic and vocational studies with a job in a related field
- D. School-sponsored enterprise, which involves the production of goods or services by students for sale to or use by others
- E. Tech prep, which is a planned program of study with defined career focus that links secondary and post-secondary education
- F. Internship or apprenticeship, which is to work for an employer to learn about a particular occupation or industry
- None

[Once you have checked all that apply, press the Next Page button.]



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9a. In which program did you most recently participate?

[Type the the number corresponding to the program and the cursor will automatically advance.]

1 = Job shadowing

2 = Mentoring

3 = Cooperative education

4 = School-sponsored enterprise

5 = Tech prep

6 = Internship or apprenticeship

7 = Other

Other (Specify):

[Type the Other program then press the Enter key.]

9b. Altogether, how many days did you spend at a work site that was part of this program?

[Type the number of days then press the Enter key.]

